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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the paper filed 8/6/2002. Claims 1, 4-5, 11-13, 36, 37, and 46-51 are pending. The response after final rejection has been thoroughly reviewed and the proposed claim amendments have been entered.
2. The claims are allowable because the prior art does not teach polypeptide sequences of SEQ ID NOS 1 or 3, or nucleic acid sequences of SEQ ID NOS 2 or 4, vectors or host cells comprising such, or an isolated DNA comprising a nucleic acid that encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO 1 or SEQ ID NO 3, but lacking amino acid residues 1-22, vectors or host cells comprising such, or methods of producing a polypeptide by culturing the host cells.
3. However, a reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. *Ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Jehanne Souaya whose telephone number is (703)308-6565. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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